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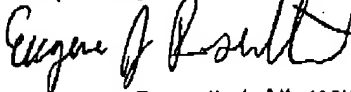
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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Patent Application****Inventor(s):** Ilija Hadzic**Case:** 1**Serial No.:** 09/809,526**Group Art Unit:** 2662**Filed:** March 15, 2001**Examiner:** H.S. Cho**Title:** Metropolitan Area Ethernet Networks**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS****P.O. BOX 1450****ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450****SIR:****RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005.

Remarks

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application.

Claims 31 and 32 stand allowed. Note that in this regard page 2 of the Office Action appears incorrect as compared to page 11 thereof.

Claims 9-14, 17, 22, and 24-27 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter but they are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 3-8, 28-30, and 33-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,815,501 issued to Gaddis et al. on September 29, 1998.

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